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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director

FROM: Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: NSDD on US Third World Hunger Relief

1. Action: The attached memorandum to John Poindexter is for your signature.

2. Background: A memorandum from Robert MacFarlane in early February set in motion a National Security Decision Directive on US Third World Hunger Relief. The study is now completed and comments are requested by Friday, 8 June, to permit the President to act on the issue upon his return from Europe. In essence, the attached NSDD would implement recommendations to help alleviate emergency hunger situations. For your information, the Agency participated in a number of subgroups which fed into the NSDD process by providing information on:

- o Individual country financial positions.
- o The level of Communist country food aid.
- o An IIM and an ALA paper on African food problems.

I believe the NSDD looks fine and should provide a framework for more responsive policy actions.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral John M. Poindexter, USN
Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

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1. I have read over the NSDD and I am impressed with the actions proposed to grapple with the Third World hunger problem. Not only will these initiatives aid in coping with long run food problems, but they also will give this government greater short-response capabilities. In particular, Recommendation 2, the special Presidential fund, should give the United States the ability to respond quickly when food problems arise in strategically placed areas of an already troubled Third World.

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2. From an Agency perspective, I am struck by Recommendations 5 and 6 which call for better data and methodologies in assessing Third World food problems. Needless to say, this is an area where we can and will provide analytic support to the policy community. As it is, we are planning to devote part of our 1985 research effort to the issue of Third World food problems. The thrust of this NSDD will, therefore, help us focus our effort.

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/s/ William J. Casey

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Director of Central Intelligence

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